

SENATE BILL NO. 155

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(C)(1)(c), relative to early childhood education; to
3 authorize the Department of Education to grant waivers for certain enrichment
4 activity classes required in the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program; to
5 provide for annual renewal of such waivers; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(C)(1)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §24.10. The Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program; early childhood
10 development and enrichment activity classes; establishment;
11 eligibility; requirements; funding; study

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13 C. Each LA 4 class shall include or have provided all of the following:

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16 (c)(i) A waiver or partial waiver to the requirement for enrichment activities,
17 but not to the program of early childhood education during the period of the day that
18 school is actually in session, may be granted by the ~~state board~~ **department** to an
19 applicant pursuant to rules adopted by the state board upon a showing acceptable to
20 the ~~board~~ **department** that it is not possible or reasonably feasible for economically
21 justifiable reasons for the applicant to provide sufficient enrichment activities
22 preceding or subsequent to the early childhood education period of the day to
23 provide the full ten-hour day otherwise required, ~~provided the applicant has specific~~
24 ~~and achievable plans for meeting the full ten-hour requirement by no later than the~~

~~beginning of the third year of operation; such.~~ **Such** a waiver may be provided for only one operational year at a time, ~~for a total of no more than two consecutive operational years, and only at the time of approval of the initial application or during the applicant's initial year of operation.~~

(ii) A waiver or partial waiver to the requirement for enrichment activities, but not to the program of early childhood education during the period of the day that school is actually in session, may be granted by the ~~state board~~ **department** to an applicant pursuant to rules adopted by the state board upon a showing acceptable to the ~~board~~ **department** that, over time and consistently during the same period of the day, so few children are present for enrichment activities that providing the enrichment activities otherwise required for all or a portion of a full ten-hour day is not reasonably feasible. Such a waiver may be provided for only one year at a time, but may be renewed annually based on a continued showing that participation is so low that providing such activities is not reasonably feasible.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____